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Know not what record of sin awaits me
in the other world; but this I do know,
that I never was more at ease to die
than now, because I was poor, because I was
ignorant, or because I was black.
—John L. Andrew.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY.
From the Seal of North Adams.

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The Advertisers in the TRANSCRIPT
are the best business men in this commu-
nity. Their advertisements are of great
reading, and they are the firms with
whom to trade most advantageously.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE CUBAN QUESTION.

With all we wish Cuba free; while we
admire the brave fighters for Cuban lib-
erty; while we all mourned for the gallant
Nero; yet there is a sober, judicial view
to be taken of the Cuban question, and
one which we believe Secretary Olney
holds very rightly.

A high Boston authority summarizes
the situation about correctly in saying
that the United States stands in the way of
our intervention. The Confederate states
were a capital, a province, a cabinet, a
congress and a constitution. The three
branches of a continental congress
and a currency. What has Cuba done to
fit herself for freedom?

Three-quarters of the island have been
in the hands of the insurgents for more
than a twelvemonth. How is that territory
governed? Where is the Cuban govern-
ment except on paper? When do its
elections take place, and when was its
constitution published? How can the
United States recognize the independence
of a government that does not exist?

England's interest lay in splitting up
the United States, but though the Con-
federate states had a regularly organized
government England never recognized their
independence. Russia's interest lay
in the splitting up of the British Empire,
but Russia did not acknowledge our inde-
pendence until after Yorktown.

Cuban independence depends upon cap-
ability of self government as well as
upon successful leadership. Every
American heart beats with the little
island in her struggle with Spain. Yet
how can we aid in establishing a free re-
public when the Cuban does not like the
Hawaiian, establish a rule of law behind
a rule of force?

What North Adams owes to her manu-
facturers well exemplified in a state-
ment of Correspondent Martin in the Sun-
day Republican: "North Adams depends
quite largely for her business activity on
the prosperity of her shoe industries. In
common with other places, her shoe
manufacturers have felt the present de-
pression in their business, and some shoe
men say that because of the style of shoe
made in the city the business locally has
suffered more than elsewhere. It is
claimed that the recent manipulations in
the price of leather have affected the
grades used in North Adams more than
any others. Of course the women mill
are comparatively inactive and until the
same factor as was noted for the shoe
industry. The shoe works are running quite
briskly, and it was not for them that the
city would be prostrated. The compara-
tive life in the several industries is shown
by the fact that the print works resumed
Saturday after the Christmas stop, and
this is the first day when most all other
factories took the opportunity to remain
closed until Monday."

Of all recent religious utterances we
have noticed nothing that has excited
more comment than the following short
creed of Dr. John Watson. It is worth
reading several times: "I believe in the
fatherhood of God. I believe in the
brotherhood of man. I believe in a clean
heart. I believe in the service of love. I
believe in the immortality of the soul. I
believe in the resurrection of the body. I
believe in the Kingdom of God on earth
and in heaven. I believe in the love of
God and of my fellow men. I believe in
the power of prayer. I believe in the
presence of God in the life of the soul. I
believe in the life of the world to come."

Like every sensible newspaper, the New
England Farmer says: At this season
many newspapers and magazines are
publishing glowing announcements of
wonderful things promised for the next
year. Our policy has been to keep ever-
lastingly pegging away, trying to make
each issue more helpful and more inter-
esting than the one which preceded it.
We have aimed at steady growth rather
than occasional dazzling performances.
There has been a constant effort to make
this paper a safe companion and friend.

All of Senator Lawrence's many friends
will heartily join in the Springfield Re-
publican's kindly expression when it says
that "there will be sympathy with Sen-
ator George P. Lawrence of North Adams
in the illness of his wife, who will be com-
pelled to spend the winter in the South,
while her husband is attending to his
duties as president of the upper branch of
the Massachusetts legislature. It is hoped
that Mrs. Lawrence will mend rapidly in
a softer climate."

Rev. Mr. Fenney's resignation from the
pastorate of the Baptist church of this
city is notification of the departure from
us of a most excellent man and citizen,
and one who has been himself dear to his
people and a friend to all in North Adams
who were in the need of his aid. It need
not be said that Mr. Fenney

missed here when he has gone to other
fields, where the TRANSCRIPT wishes him
all possible success and happiness.

Congressman Draper of the Berkshire
Cotton Manufacturing company of this
city, gave a dinner in Washington last
Saturday evening, in honor of the Mas-
sachusetts delegation. Senator Lodge and
Speaker Reed made characteristic happy
speeches, and Congressman Wright
heavily replied to a toast. All in all, the
Massachusetts delegation in Congress will
compare favorably with that of any other
representation in the national capital.

Major McKinley is solid with the boys
of Canton, and like a good many other
great men loves children dearly. Satur-
day he took a sleighride. Several little
boys were on the street with their sleds
and the major called to them to hitch on.
They were not slow to accept the invita-
tion and the president's sleigh enjoyed it
as much as the boys themselves.

Credit and consideration is due the cool-
headed labor leaders of Boston who called
off the West End strike and struck to their
agreement to give the street railroad
company time to consider labor's de-
mands. The hot-heads who brought on
the strike hurt labor's cause very greatly.

Chamney Depue is said to be England's
favorite for minister from the United
States to that country. The Prince of
Wales holds Mr. Depue as one of his
dearest friends, and they keep up a lively
correspondence.

Editor Maguire of the Adams Freeman
and Editor Chase of the Democrat are
"throwing it into each other" a little
these days. As a result, there is a good
deal of sarcasm and lots of fun for all.

"A Happy New Year to you, Mr. Rich-
ard Olney, with best wishes of the busi-
ness men of the United States."—Boston
Commercial Bulletin. Here is where the
business men and Spain are agreed.

Fifteen million dollars was spent for
Christmas presents in New York city.

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

THE FEAST OF THE YEAR.

This is the feast-time of the year;
When hearts grow warm and homes
are glad.

When autumn's crimson torch expires
To flash again in winter fires;
And they who tracked October's flight
Through woods with gorgeous hues be-
dight.

In charmed circle sit and praise
The goodly loaf's triumphant blaze.
This is the feast-time of the year
When Plenty pours her wine of cheer,
And even humble boards may spare
To poorer poor a kindly share.

While burning barns and granaries know
A richer, fuller overflow,
And they who dwell in golden ease
Bless without toil, yet toil to please.
This is the feast-time of the year;
The blessed Advent draweth near.
Let rich and poor together break
The bread of love for Christ's sweet sake,
Against the time when rich and poor
Must cope for him a common door.

When comes the feast, yet make it a
commemoration of the change necessary.
"Temptation of Money" was last put on
at Marlboro last Saturday night. In its
action an innocent man is convicted of the
murder of a New York policeman and
sentenced to be electrocuted. The next
scene shows the interior of Sing Sing
prison with the death chair in position.
Tests are applied and the electric current
shown to be in full working order. All
this was done at Marlboro and the com-
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and seated. The action of the play calls
for his release, on newly discovered evi-
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electrocution scene in earnest. Inadver-
tently the operator's hand slipped on the
switchboard and Mr. Kent got a shock
that brought him out of the chair in a
hurry. Fortunately he had not as yet
been strapped in. The careless
operator was at once discharged and
another secured from New York, but he
will not be able to reach North Adams in
time for this evening's performance.
"Temptation of Money" will, however,
be put on later in the week.

AMUSEMENTS.

Floy Crowell for One Week.

"La Belle Russe" at the Columbia this
evening, when Floy Crowell opens a
series of engagements at popular prices,
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Wonders of Plant Growth.

The growth of all plants is in the essen-
tially the same thing—viz, the simu-
laneous expansion of the cells. If a thin slice
of the stem of a rapidly growing plant is
made and this is laid in water and exam-
ined under a microscope, it will be found
to be composed of a tissue containing nu-
merous cells. These cells are separated from
each other by very delicate partitions. These
cells are called. Under the microscope
these minute cells may be seen to expand
until they burst, each forming two or
three new cells, but each perfect in ex-
ternal detail. These two or more cells which
have been formed from the original one,
under observation expand and go through
the bursting process, just as the progeny
of a cell. So the expansion of cells takes
place only in one direction. At other
times starts on all sides alike. New
cells sometimes grow on the surfaces of
old ones, thus forming what the botanists
term "cell aggregates," or new tissues.
These tissues are later on provided with
all the various organs which go to build
up the higher life of the plant. All vege-
table growths are carried on by this plan,
which is also the model for all animal
growth and life. Louis Republia.

A New Fiber.

The pineapple leaf yields a fiber which
promises to be of great commercial value.
A rope 3 1/2 inches thick made of this fiber
will support a weight of three tons, and
from the same material a textile of the
fineness of silk is made. The Indians use
this fiber with silk to make very pretty
and durable cloth. All the work hitherto
done has been done by hand, and natu-
rally the product is expensive and less val-
uable in quality than might be made by ma-
chines. A ton of pineapple leaves yields
about 100 pounds of fiber. The work is
done by 3,000 pounds and he raised to the
acre. As this, even in the present state
of the market, is worth 10 cents per pound,
it is worth the possibilities of

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Hitchburg Railroad.
Corrected Oct. 5, 1896.
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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in
Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

Sunday in the Various Churches--Division 3. A. O. H. Elects New Officers--Matthew McCarthy Taken to Jail on a Bail Bond--Little May Cooper Run Over--An Ugly Pole-lander--Events of this Evening--Today's Court News--Other Important Local Items.

In All the Churches.

The Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Universalist churches had their regular Christmas services Sunday and in all these places the music was of a superior order. Dr. R. C. Blodgett had charge of the program in the Congregational church, which was the finest ever given there.

At Trinity Methodist church Rev. H. M. Boyce preached in the morning on "The Song of the Simeon." There was a children's concert at 5 o'clock, at which Mrs. B. C. Sothern was organist. Rev. O. L. Darling preached at St. Paul's Sunday morning on "What Jesus Attended." A children's service occurred at his church in the evening.

W. B. and C. T. Plunkett made their annual distribution of books to the Congregational Sunday school. There were given out 415 books.

St. Thomas' parish had morning services in St. Charles' church. In the afternoon pews in the new church were rented and benediction was pronounced. The Baptist Young People's Union had a concert meeting which was led by Miss Helen Bitch.

Miss L. W. Mattison led the Epworth League on this topic: "The Ever Present Christ."

The illustrated service at the Baptist church in the evening was well attended and a generous amount of money and clothing was contributed for the charity fund.

The musical "The Story of the Stars" was presented at Zylonis chapel.

The Christmas music was repeated at St. Mark's and the church of Notre Dame.

The Missionary branch of the Baptist Women's union will meet with Mrs. A. E. Maynard at her home on Commercial street at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and "The World of the Bible Women in Burmah" will be discussed.

Supper will be served in St. Mark's parish house Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening there will be supper at the Congregational, Methodist and Universalist churches.

Hibernians Elect Officers.

Division 3, A. O. H., held its annual meeting in Hibernian hall in Jones' block Sunday and elected these officers and committees for the ensuing year: President, Michael J. Curran; vice-president, Dr. Walter P. O. Malley; recording secretary, John Kearns; financial secretary, Frank E. McNulty; treasurer, James R. Kelly; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Duggan; doorkeeper, Martin Dwyer; visiting committee, Edward Murray, John Trimble, Keyron Doyle, Frank Kelley and Patrick J. Kelly; standing committee, James Clarke, Thomas P. H. Welch, Henry M. Ryan, William Martin and John Burke; literary committee, Joseph M. Fern, James Murray and M. J. Curran; finance committee, Henry M. Fern, James Murray and James Clarke; hall committee, John Trimble, Keyron Doyle and Martin Dwyer; labor committee, James Murray, John Burke and Thomas Curran. These officers will be installed at the next meeting, January 10.

An Ugly Polelander.

Officer Hise was called into the Boston and Albany depot Saturday afternoon to quell a disturbance made by a drunken Polelander. The fellow was with his wife and two children and another woman. The party had bought tickets for Chicago and was waiting for the 5:37 train going north, pulled in. The man wanted to take that train and the women were obliged to hold him to prevent him from doing so. They held him until the train had gone and then the Polelander began to show his ugliness. He kicked over a cuspidor and created a general disturbance. Station agent F. E. Benson called in the chief of police, at sight of whom the man ceased to display his temper. He was not arrested, but remained quiet until his train came.

Events of the Evening.

The Adams Schoolboys' association will hold an interesting meeting in John W. Keller's school at short hand and typewriting in Richmond's block. An unusually good program has been prepared for the session and all members are requested to be present.

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The Sons of Veterans will meet as usual in Grand Army hall.

The regular weekly drill and a special business meeting of Company M will be held in the armory. The banquet committee will report.

Arrested on a Bail Bond.

Matthew McCarthy, who until recently conducted the barber shop at the corner of Spring and Pleasant streets, was arrested and taken to jail on a bail bond Saturday, by Chief Curran. McCarthy was convicted of the crime, which was committed in Dalton, by the superior court at its July sitting. He did not wait to be sentenced and his bondman, Maurice Cleary of Pittsfield, was sued for the \$1000 bonds. Mr. Cleary gave up the bond and McCarthy's arrest followed. Unless McCarthy can procure another bondman he will be kept in jail until the January sitting of the superior court and will then be sentenced.

A Little Girl Run Over.

Little May Cooper, who lives on West street, with a companion was crossing the road on Pleasant street Saturday afternoon when she was run over by a team driven by Edward Kelley, who works for meatman J. P. Flaherty, and the other by John Kelly, who is employed in Follett's stable. One of the horses struck the child and knocked her down. She was carried into the barber shop on the corner and her injuries were found to be not serious.

In Court This Morning.

Judge Harrington was on the bench in the district court this morning and he disposed of the various cases as follows:

Marion Dwyer, a Berkshire mill operative, drunkenness, fined \$5.
William Nelson, drunkenness, fined \$5.
Edward McDonald, drunkenness and disturbing the peace, \$10, assault, \$5.
John Mahan, drunkenness, \$5.
Frank Delaney, drunkenness, \$5.

Dr. Walter E. O'Malley has been visiting in his home in Clinton.

James Carville of Clinton spent the past few days with local friends.

Miss Elsie Burke is at home from Holyoke on a short visit.

James B. Dean is administrator of the late William Gorman's estate.

A. Thomas Lucy posted the remaining part of his stakes for Thursday evening's wrestling match Saturday night.

The Fall River man he is to meet will have to put up his money before 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Mrs. Theodore Temple has joined her husband in Cohasset, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gilbert and son, Gilbert, of Ware have been visiting Mrs. Gilbert's father, L. L. Brown.

Miss Clara Nease of Pittsfield spent Sunday with local friends.

Robert Kipper, who was dangerously ill, has almost fully recovered.

William Doyle of Clayton and Mr. and Mrs. Peter McDonough of Pittsfield have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keyron Doyle.

Miss Edith Marsh, a teacher at the Renfrew school, has been granted leave of absence for a home of two weeks.

Albert Upton will leave for Southern California early next month to pass the greater portion of the winter.

John H. Allen of the Allen Iron works will leave this week for a business trip through New York state.

The mills will be shut down Friday and Saturday next week, the same as last Thursday will be paid day.

The German play at Herndon hall Saturday evening was very successful. A dance followed it and the Turn Verein society and its woman auxiliary had Christmas trees. The Workingmen's Sick and Death Benefit association had a tree in Turn hall.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hall of Ware have been visiting Mr. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Renfrew, at Bonnie Bras.

Mrs. Clara Darney and her daughter Helen, and Miss Clara Cooke have gone to New Haven, Conn.

John Hughes of Albany, N. Y., has been at the home of his parents here for a few days.

Miss Constance Gilbert of Westfield normal school is visiting Miss Lona Harrington.

William Richmond of Housatonic has been visiting local relatives.

George E. Styles Grand Army post held its weekly meeting Saturday night.

David Crozier is attending Dr. Mason, who is still dangerously ill.

Local parties are selling tickets for the three concerts to be held in Pittsfield under the auspices of Wood Brothers. Tickets for the three are selling for one dollar.

CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the Methodist church tonight.

There were appropriate Christmas services at the Universalist church Sunday.

Henry Ronces went to Chicago today, where he has a position with Spaulding Bros. William Boose of Pittsfield has opened a barber shop in the place vacated by Mr. Ronces.

George E. Whitehouse took for his subject at the Baptist church Sunday morning "Running a Race." The subject at the Methodist, Rev. C. B. Bissell, pastor, was "Aaron and His Holding up Moses' Hands." The Epworth League meeting was led by Miss Susan Tyrrell, the subject being "The Ever-present Christ."

Mrs. W. B. Dean attended the funeral of Grace Nourse at Lansboro today.

An entertainment will be given at Dean's hall this evening by Goodman, the magician, assisted by Carletta.

There will be a business meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday evening. It is requested that all members of the church be present.

A mistake occurred in Saturday evening's paper, in reference to the number of apples received at the steam cider mill this season. Sixteen thousand bushels were received instead of 1,600.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

The Youngest Postmaster.

Williamstown Station can boast of the youngest postmaster in the country, in the person of Damon E. Hall, who was appointed Thursday to succeed his father, A. E. Hall. Mr. Hall was just eighteen

days over 21 years, the required age, when he received his appointment. The choice pleases the people of the town, where Mr. Hall is very popular. He is a member of the Williams class of '97 and is a progressive young man.

Rev. Mr. Slade Will Remain.

At the service in the Congregational church Sunday, Rev. Mr. Slade announced that in accordance with the wish of the church and parish expressed at last Monday's meeting, he had decided to withdraw his resignation for the time being. Mr. Slade made a very dignified talk and hoped that the members would work harmoniously during the remaining time of his stay.

Sheriff Elbridge's father, James A. Elbridge, died at his home in Hancock Saturday night.

A. A. Belding and Sheriff Elbridge were in Boston last week.

The record for the year shows that there was about \$70,000 worth of building done. This comprises residences chiefly.

H. C. Vies three-year-old daughter died Friday night of croup. The family was making arrangements to return home to Brooklyn. They went today, taking the child's remains for interment.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Congregational church and parish will be held Friday. The dinner, which is always looked forward to with pleasure, will be served at 12:30 o'clock.

BLACKINTON.

Miss Bonnie Rickards is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pitt, at Colrain.

Miss Grace A. Davies left this morning to spend New Year's at Chatham, N. Y.

Miss Anna A. Moloney is enjoying a visit with friends at Fitchburg and Boston.

Walter and Raymond Carpenter, who have been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Carpenter, returned to their home in Lowell Saturday.

Miss Anna T. Carpenter is visiting her brother, John T. Carpenter, at the Hood stock farm, Lowell, for a few days.

The lecture Sunday evening in Blackinton church by Rev. A. E. Hall of Williamstown was very well attended and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Rev. Mr. Wilson of Williamstown occupied the pulpit in Blackinton church Sunday and preached a very fine sermon.

IT GOES THE ROUNDS.

North Adams People Talk About It. There are Echoes in the Air.

On a lonely Moor or desolate plain there is nothing so impressive as the bivouac of a brigade of soldiers at night. When the bugles ring out "last post" and silence falls on the tents or broads over the great waste of the night.

The scene of a soldier or the clank of a sentry's accoutrements breaking the stillness of the night or early morning jars on the ear and as the tramp of the corps doing duty on the "grand rounds" recedes or approaches, and the welcome sound is heard "Pass on Grand Rounds, or 'All's well,' a sign of satisfaction escapes from the observer as he mentally concludes the sleeping multitude is guarded by a watchful column of sentries.

When Doan's Kidney Pills lay siege to a locality, or undertake to protect it, they patrol every thoroughfare and they "go the rounds" with as much scrupulous care as veterans in the crack corps of a regular army.

Their special duty is to watch the enemy, kidney disorder, and when seized to root it out. How well they do it can be gathered from a perusal of the testimonials published by them. Read what Mr. H. D. Kayes, 26 Sidney street, says: "I have had kidney trouble for over 10 years; much dizziness; headache, grinding backache, and tenderness over the hips. From the frequent desire to urinate, I feel that I have a stone in my bladder, and a distressing consequence of the complication, I lost all ambition to do anything. To get up and to do simple things of pain and it was well nigh impossible to rest comfortably in any position. I was in pretty bad shape when I went to Burlington and Darby for a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. I mistook the dose for only took but three days. In spite of that they did me a world of good. I was surprised how quickly they regulated the urine. The backache left me and the lameness and dizziness are fast disappearing. From the benefit I have already received and from the current effects I am certain they will ultimately eradicate any trace of my long standing trouble. I can conscientiously recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents or mailed by Foster-McMurray Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

note Field's Remains Cremated.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The body of Kate Field, the well-known writer, was cremated in Odd Fellows' cemetery yesterday. The funeral services took place in Trinity Episcopal church. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and ferns and floral offerings, contributed by Miss Field's many friends throughout the country. President and Mrs. Cleveland sent a beautiful wreath of roses and ferns. The ashes were placed in an urn and will be shipped east for interment.

Wasmundoff Kills Himself.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Otto Wasmundoff, of the banking firm of Wasmundoff & Helms, which failed here last Monday, committed suicide at his home on Cleveland avenue yesterday by shooting himself. The constant worry and mental anxiety for the past week consequent upon the failure is believed to have been the cause. He had scarcely slept during that time, and was probably temporarily insane.

Secretary National Window Glass Workers.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 28.—Advice from the election committee of the window glass workers' national election committee states that Paul St. Peter of Jeannette, Pa., is elected national secretary.

RECOGNITION OF CUBA.

Senator Chandler Takes Issue with President Regarding His Power.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Chandler of New Hampshire takes issue with President Cleveland as to the power vested in the president of the United States to alone recognize or not recognize the belligerency or independence of a foreign country or a dependency of that country. He lines up on the side of Cuba, and in an interview, made public to-day, he takes issue with the president as to the rights of Congress. Discussing the subject he says: "The new immigration law if it passes will require foreigners coming to live in this country to read and write as a test five lines of the United States constitution. There are certain five lines which eminent Spanish-American lawyers ought to read. Section 8, after enumerating in 17 clauses the powers of Congress, adds another as follows: '18. To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this constitution in the government of the United States or in any department or officer thereof.' A study of the above clause may lead some of the defiant advocates of an arrogant personal government at the executive mansion to revise their assertions.

Powers Expressly Given the President.

"It is not contended that the above clause 18 gives Congress power by law passed over a veto by a two-thirds vote to interfere with any power made exclusive in law provided by express words or necessary implication. What are the powers expressly given to the president? 1.—To command the army and navy. 2.—To grant pardons. 3.—To make treaties (with the consent of the senate). 4.—To appoint officers of the United States. 5.—To convene Congress and to adjourn it when in session. 6.—To receive ambassadors and other public ministers. 7.—To take care that the laws be faithfully executed. 8.—To commission officers of the United States. The above are all the powers granted. Compare them with the long list of powers given to Congress, including everything relating to the conduct of the common defense and general welfare, and ending with the power given in the above clause 18 to make all laws necessary and proper to carry into execution all the powers invested in the government or in any department or office thereof."

His Acts Regulated by Congress.

"The president may command the army and navy. Yes; but Congress by law may give him specific directions what to do with them, to use them in such particular direction, or not to use them at all. He may grant pardons. Yes; this is an exclusive and uncontrollable power, but Congress may by law open all prison doors and let the criminals go free. He may make treaties, with the consent of the senate, and they become law. Here is the only power made exclusive in law provided by express words or necessary implication. He may appoint officers. Yes; but Congress may create and abolish the offices, and regulate the power of appointment by civil service rules; he is to commission all officers, but he can commission only those who are appointed in pursuance of law. He is to receive the foreign ministers. Yes; but only ministers from countries which Congress chooses to have recognized. If two governments are striving for control of a country, Congress may by law decide which government the United States will recognize, and the president is bound to obey the law and receive a minister from one government and refuse to receive a minister from another.

Vote the Remedy.

"The idea that the president has the sole prerogative of deciding what government shall be recognized by the United States, has no foundation whatever in any words to be seen in the constitution. The fact that the president has recognized new governments without congressional expression, when Congress and the people have approved his action, is no proof whatever that when they disagree with him they cannot control him by law. He is their agent, and when he does what they want him to do no law is needed. When he threatens to conduct himself otherwise, whether by action or non-action, the whole subject may be controlled by a law passed over a veto, under the ample powers in Congress, granted by section eight of article one of the constitution, which are not restricted nor limited in this respect by any other clauses in the constitution. There is no escape for the advocates of monarchical government in Washington from the provision of clause eighteen, section eight, article one."

Mark Hanna's Plans.

Cleveland, Dec. 28.—The rumor that Mark Hanna is ill and will go to Thomaston, Ga., to recruit is untrue. Mr. Hanna usually spends some time every winter at Thomaston, but he has no plans to visit there this winter to go south. He will leave Cleveland for Chicago on the evening of Jan. 10 to be present at the banquet of the Hamilton club on Jan. 11. He will return to Cleveland and some time during the month will probably make another trip to Washington. He has no definite plans for going south.

Minister McKinney Enroute to Washington.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 28.—Hon. L. E. McKinney, United States minister at Bogota, accompanied by his niece, arrived here yesterday on the British ship Capella. Mr. McKinney declined to be interviewed and left last evening for Washington.

Advice to Spain.

London, Dec. 28.—The Statist publishes a comment on the Spanish-American war in which it says that the Spanish government and people, unless they are utterly blind to their own welfare, will accept the recommendations concerning Cuba contained in President Cleveland's message to the American Congress. The paper adds that in the opinion of the government of Great Britain, France and Germany these recommendations ought to be accepted.

28 Degrees Below Zero at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Dec. 28.—The thermometer here registered twenty-eight degrees below zero at 1 o'clock this morning.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

Two Handsome Residences and Other Property Wiped Out by Flames.

New York, Dec. 28.—The handsome residence of Duncan Elliot in the grounds of the Country club on Long Island sound, about two miles east of West Chester village, was totally destroyed by a fire yesterday that started in the cellar near a large heater. Loss, about \$50,000. The servants managed to save some of the silver service and paintings.

Ware Mansion at Clifton, Mass., Burned.

Marblehead, Mass., Dec. 28.—The biggest and most stubborn fire that the local firemen have had to deal with this year occurred yesterday, when the elegant mansion of E. P. Ware at Clifton was burned. The fire started in the basement and was caused by a defective fuse in the furnace. The house was two stories with a French roof of modern design and was used in part as a boarding house. The interior was lavishly furnished. Among the furnishings were valuable tapestries and paintings owned by Mr. Ware and Mrs. Rose, and rare works of art which filled the rooms.

\$100,000 Fire at Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A fire which caused a damage of \$100,000 started yesterday afternoon in the repair shops of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad company on Myrtle avenue. The building was quickly destroyed, together with thirteen cars. The flames spread to Wells's brewery on the opposite side of the street, which was partially destroyed.

Fire Loss at Amesbury.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 28.—One of the worst fires in the history of the town occurred yesterday in the post office block, causing a loss of \$60,000. The block, which was the finest in town, was occupied by the postoffice, stores, offices and Hibernian hall. In the midst of blinding smoke the postmaster managed to get the stamps and letters into the safe.

Big Blaze at Potsdam, N. Y.

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A fire which involved the loss of \$50,000 occurred at Potsdam Saturday night. Half a block in the business section, including the Windsor hotel, was destroyed. The fire originated in a meat market.

Another Body from the Oreolu.

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 28.—One more body from the wrecked schooner Galvin H. Orest has been recovered. It is probably that of a sailor, with light complexion and sandy hair, weighing about 150 pounds. It was examined by Coroner Munsell and is in the hands of the undertakers.

Queen Victoria's Biography.

London, Dec. 28.—It is stated on good authority that the queen is now engaged in personally dictating and revising a biography of herself, which will appear in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England as the queen regards it.

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